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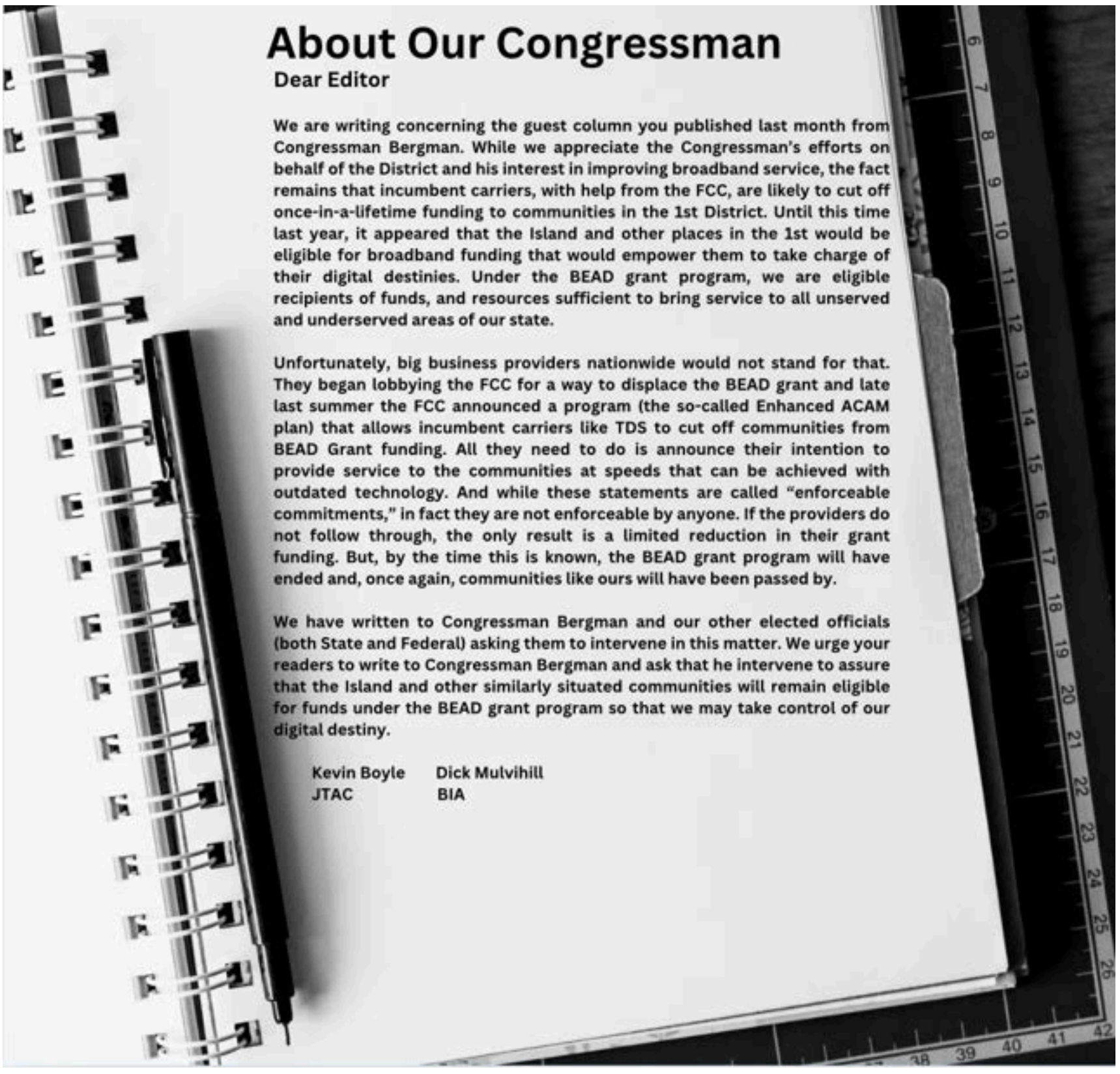

About Our Congressman

Dear Editor

We are writing concerning the guest column you published last month from Congressman Bergman. While we appreciate the Congressman's efforts on behalf of the District and his interest in improving broadband service, the fact remains that incumbent carriers, with help from the FCC, are likely to cut off once-in-a-lifetime funding to communities in the 1st District. Until this time last year, it appeared that the Island and other places in the 1st would be eligible for broadband funding that would empower them to take charge of their digital destinies. Under the BEAD grant program, we are eligible recipients of funds, and resources sufficient to bring service to all unserved and underserved areas of our state.

Unfortunately, big business providers nationwide would not stand for that. They began lobbying the FCC for a way to displace the BEAD grant and late last summer the FCC announced a program (the so-called Enhanced ACAM plan) that allows incumbent carriers like TDS to cut off communities from BEAD Grant funding. All they need to do is announce their intention to provide service to the communities at speeds that can be achieved with outdated technology. And while these statements are called "enforceable commitments," in fact they are not enforceable by anyone. If the providers do not follow through, the only result is a limited reduction in their grant funding. But, by the time this is known, the BEAD grant program will have ended and, once again, communities like ours will have been passed by.

We have written to Congressman Bergman and our other elected officials (both State and Federal) asking them to intervene in this matter. We urge your readers to write to Congressman Bergman and ask that he intervene to assure that the Island and other similarly situated communities will remain eligible for funds under the BEAD grant program so that we may take control of our digital destiny.

Kevin Boyle, JTAC
Dick Mulvihill, BIA

Pierre wants to know if you have a story? Share it with us! To submit your piece for consideration, email our Editor at editor@beaverislandhistory.org

Print Shop Perspective

Since 1957, The Beaver Island Historical Society has been working to keep Beaver Island History Alive! We advance this goal through a mission of preserving and sharing the unique history of Beaver Island and the Archipelago.

Vacation on Beaver Island! Such a perfect place to spend all or some of your summer. There are so many amazing things to see (beaches, dark sky viewing, sunrise over Paradise Bay, sunset at Donegal Bay); to do (biking, trails, camping, historic driving tour); and experience (Baroque on Beaver, BI Music Fest, Irish Feile). These are just a few of the things to see, do, and experience on the Island. What are some of your favorites?

Summer 2024 is in full swing at the Beaver Island Historical Society (BIHS) too:

- Picnic on the Patio on Wednesday's at the Print Shop Museum at 12:00 p.m.
- Lighthouse exploration
- Visit Heritage Park
- Marine Museum on Monday's Bring your lunch at 12:00 p.m
- 78's For The People on July 24 at 7:00 p.m.
- Baroque Lecture on July 25 at 7:00 p.m.
- Patrick Livingston / Eight Steamboats Book Presentation on July 26 at 7:00 p.m.
- BIHS Annual Meeting on August 15 at the Print Shop Museum
- This Place Matters Picnic at the Beaver Head Light House on August 18 at 12:00 p.m. (food will be served after Mass)

Please stop by the Mormon Print Shop Museum to see the stunning WPA mural "Hauling in the Nets" by Zoltan Sepeshy and admire the interpretation of that same mural as created by the students at the Beaver Island Community School. These two works are a lovely complement to each other.

Check out the gift shops at the Marine and Print Shop Museums. It is worth the stop if you need a good book, a new game, or some other creative Michigan and Beaver Island merchandise.

August 15, 2024, is the date of the Society's annual meeting. Please join us to review the past year and discuss the upcoming year. We would love to have you attend, share your thoughts about the museum, and meet our BIHS Board of Trustees.

Finally, I would like to take a moment to **thank** the volunteers who make Beaver Island so incredibly special. The volunteers and docents who staff the museums, the volunteers who put out chairs for music on the porch, the individuals who serve on the boards of the Island not-for profit organizations, the folks who show up to work the flower beds in the garden at the museum. Please take a moment this summer to thank the volunteers who continue to show up and help Beaver Island have so much to offer!

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ST. JAMES TOWNSHIP UPDATE

By Bobbi Welke- St. James Township Supervisor

Beware of Scams: Scammers are creating email addresses that are like some St. James Township officials, with a difference in one letter. We have a "bi", for Beaver Island, in some of our addresses and scammers are using "pi". We cannot control this inappropriate alteration of our existing email addresses. We are, however, considering a change in our assigned addresses to add more security and less opportunities for these scammers to use modifications of our addresses.

In any case, **NO ONE** at St. James Township, or any township, will send you an email asking for a voided check or information regarding your bank accounts. At most you may be called or sent an email asking you to call an official to discuss a payment issue. A township's clerk and treasurer manage payments, a supervisor never handles payments.

Downtown Traffic Improvements: By the time this article is published, you will have seen new pavement markings downtown which are being paid for with the road millage property taxes you pay to St. James Township. The new markings distinguish parking spaces along Main Street, both on-street and in the two township-owned parking lots. These parking lots are at the town beach and Marina South. A stop bar was added on Forest Ave at Main Street. The white crosswalk at the school and those along Main Street were painted. In a separate operation, the red crosswalks will be painted.

Some private parking lot work will have been done at the same time. Payment will be made by the owners of these facilities. All this work was planned through the County Road Commission's contract to place and pay for pavement markings on Kings Highway with separate invoicing to the

Please help us make our downtown safer by parking as required. Stop parking in the wrong direction – parking in the correct direction is for your safety and the safety of those that are traveling near you as you pull in/out of this illegal parking position.

We are working to further improve our community's traffic and safety operations. To that end, we are waiting for a downtown visit by road commission officials and their traffic engineer consultant so we can determine other solutions. This likely will include setting parking prohibitions at the corners of intersections so the intersecting traffic would have better vision of on-coming traffic along the side street.

To improve parking opportunities downtown, we are considering a prohibition of parking of rental vehicles of all types that have yet to be in the renter's possession except for the periods one hour before a ferry boat arrives and one hour after the ferry departs. The exception is to facilitate dropping off and picking up rental vehicles. This will open parking for more users. We are required to erect signs announcing this May through September prohibition at the Township limits, so new signs at our border with Peaine Township will be something unusual, but mandated, for our small community.

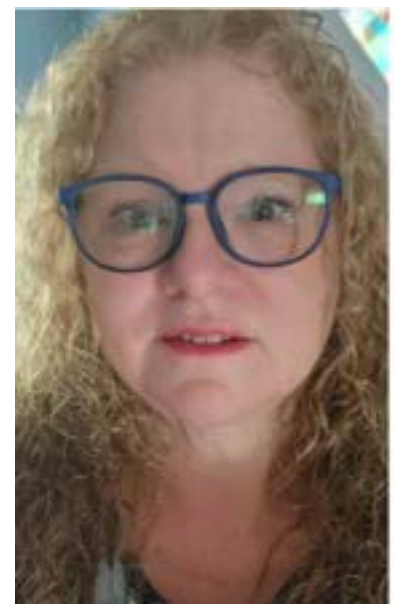
MUSEUM WEEK IN REVIEW- PICTURES SAY A THOUSAND WORDS

By Tracy Paquin

Museum Week 2024 was once more a success. Over 700 people joined our annual activities to honor the culture and historical relevance of Beaver Island. Mark your calendars for next year's adventure as we will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Protar's death, life and his significant influence on Beaver Island.

STORIES FROM THE FRONT PORCH

By Michelle LaFreniere



My story starts and continues on Beaver Island. I was born here in 1966 in the building that now also houses St. James Township offices. It was half the size it is now with no garage. It was our Medical Center, and loads of Islanders were born here. I grew up here, graduating in 1984 and leaving the Island in 1986. I returned 15 years later, in 2001. It was almost immediately evident to me that I was HOME. The sounds of the church bells on the hour, the slow roll of cars going by, the boat coming into the harbor, the salute of the boat as it left the harbor, and the return salute from the dock office, the sunrises and sunsets all brought me right back to the best years of my life. I knew I had made the right decision.

For years I have dreamed of writing a book about the eclectic men and women of Beaver Island: I would take a picture of them standing on their front porch and interview them about their views of the Island and the world around them. I wanted to find out what they were passionate about and share that with the world. My interest began very early on, right after Isabelle Kenwabikise passed away. I always wished I had taken the time to talk more with her. She was the coolest cat on the Back Highway.

Paul Welke is one of those people in life that you only meet one of. I'm lucky enough to call him my friend and my boss. I've known Paul literally my entire life. My kids called his Mom and Dad Uncle Bill and Aunt Betty. They loved them to pieces and couldn't wait to see them when they came to the island. Most people saw them as stern people, but to my children, they were anything but that. Paul is a bit like that. But to his friends and employees he is smart, hardworking, funny as all get out, and a genuinely good human. Many many people asked me to interview Paul. I never in a million years thought he would agree to that. He did. With a little help from an insider. (Thanks, Angel!) His terms were simply let's do the interview here in the terminal when we're working someday. Yeah. Right. If you've ever been in our terminal, you know we have no time to sit down for an interview. I think he planned it that way.

That being said, this is going to be the interview that never happened. This is more my observations of Paul, because he NEVER sits still. I can tell you all kinds of things about Paul, like how has over 38,000 hours of flight time, and how he was awarded both a master airplane mechanic and pilot awards by the FAA. A title only bestowed on fewer than 500 individuals. As a staff member, working in the terminal, we get 5 to 10 minute increments of his time. We love our "history lessons" and "life stories'' with Paul and we look forward to them. He tells us tales of adventures with his Dad, his brothers, and uncles. We get to hear of his years in the Civil Air Patrol, and later in the Army National Guard. He teaches us about weather, and tells us what we're seeing on the radar. He regales us with stories of his many dogs from over the years. They used to have all Goldens, but these days rescue is their favorite breed. He loves to honk his horn as he goes up the lane to home to alert all four dogs that he is on his way. It's a wonder the neighbors don't choke him! Once in a while he will share stories of storms and fires and such from the past.

There are so many stories of his Dad's years as Deputy Sheriff here on the island. I'm the only one on the island side (except maybe Neal) that remembers many of these things. We sit around and talk about people long gone. There were some definite characters here over the years.

Paul is a very simple man. He loves his wife, his dogs and like-minded hard-working people. His wife, Angel, stands by his side every day. No matter what comes along, they are a team. My admiration for them individually has always been there. My admiration for them as a team began many years ago (the year Father Pat went to Normandy). I was staying at Betty's house with Father's dogs. One bitterly cold night the dogs woke me with gentle nudges. Thinking they wanted to go out, I got up and they led me to the kitchen window. I watched in awe as Paul and Angel worked seamlessly together to outfit a plane for an air ambulance trip. It was 3:00 am. There they were, with no thought to lost sleep, working tirelessly for the betterment of someone else. When they were done Angel went back up the path to the house and Paul brought the plane out of the hangar. I was just about to head back to bed myself when here came Angel again. She drove right up to where Paul was standing, and handed him a steaming hot cup of coffee and a sandwich. It was such a small, yet beautiful gesture that said so very much. There is no shortage of people here on the island that could tell you stories about what they have done to help people in their time of need. Quietly and behind the scenes. Just the way they like it. Paul is at his best when he is busy. Flying 57 Air One (our air ambulance) is one of the many ways he does that.

It is no secret that Paul is a work-a-holic. On any given day you will find him working in his own hangar, repairing equipment, in the big hangar working on a plane, flying the line, or playing in the dirt. He is never without his trusty Gerber tool. Well.. sometimes he is and we all spring to action to find it and restore the balance of the earth. Paul has two hobbies that I am aware of. He is a voracious reader of all things military which leads to his other hobby, his collection of war time military things is truly jaw dropping.

Many days Paul can be found helping wherever he is needed. He has never asked any of us to do something he wouldn't do himself. He has helped deliver the mail, drop people and packages off where they need to be. He has hauled trash with us, loaded and unloaded planes. No job is below him. One time, after a particularly tough stretch of days with bad weather during the summer, we had days of packages to sort and check in. Angel showed up with an extra laptop and we had three stations of people checking packages in. At the end of the day there were STILL about eight carts to check in. They told us all to just go home and get a good nights sleep and we could start again in the morning. We came to work the next morning and every single package had been checked in. Paul and Angel had stayed way late into the night to finish the job. Quite often people stop in to see Paul. They have so many stories too. Stories of things Paul has done to help them. Some very big things and some very small things, but all were important to that person at that moment. This is when we see how shy Paul really is. He is one of those men in life that doesn't tell you what he is going to do or what he has done. He shows you in his everyday life. He leads by example.

He has many quotes he bestows on us.. my favorite being. "You don't know what you don't know". He values honesty. It is far better to tell him I don't know than to try and gloss over a situation.

He stops into the terminal at the end of every day to ask how our day went. I recently said to him just once I'd like to NOT say, What a day! He always just shakes his head, then, with a wink, a nod and a chuckle he will say.. "Go ahead and take the rest of the day off!" and away he goes.

In summary, I will never get him to do a formal interview, but I hope I've given you a small glimpse of who Paul is. He is worth getting to know. He is a wealth of knowledge, humor and goodness. I am proud to work for him.

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SHUFFLE BOARD REMATCH AUGUST 22

By Susan Screven

Come One, Come All to the Second Annual Women's Shuffle Board Competition between Beaver Island and the fierce opponents of Bois Blanc Island.

The festivities will take place on T**hursday, August 22** beginning with a get together at the Shamrock Bar at 5:00 p.m. The competition begins at 7:00 p.m. and we invite you to come and bring your enthusiasm for an evening of fun and friendly rivalry.

Last summer our team of fearless players braved the fog and choppy waters on the ferry ride to Bois Blanc. We were greeted with open arms and much excitement by many residents of that fair island. We were far from victorious, but made friends and had a great evening of fun and sport.

The amazing team from Bois Blanc will be here to defend their title and for many it will be their first visit to Beaver Island. Our home team is short a few players, so if you're interested in joining the women's team, please contact Mali at 734-730-0544. We hope to see you there!

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NEWS FROM THE BEAVER ISLAND COMMUNITY CENTER

August at your Community Center serves up another jam-packed roster of great jazz and classical music, culinary arts, and an elegant Gala celebration, mixed in with our ongoing offerings of exercise and yoga programs, Senior + Veterans Coffee and Doughnuts, and more! Program details can be found on the Community Calendar, and ticket info on our Tickets page at biccenter.org. Below are the highlights for August:

August 1 @ 7:30 PM: Baroque on Beaver: Festival Orchestra. The Festival Orchestra takes to the BIC Center stage with the world premier performance of composer Eric Malmquist, and centers on the music of Bach, Vaughan-Williams, and Robert Fuchs.

August 3 @ 7:30 PM: Baroque on Beaver: A Night at the Opera. Mozart's The Marriage of Figaro performed by Martha Guth (soprano), Ricardo Lugo (bass), and the Baroque Vocal Quartet. Directed by Peter Amster.

August 8 @ 6 PM: The BIC Center & WVBI Summer Sunset Gala. This year the historic Beaver Island Lodge will host the 2024 BIC Center & WVBI Summer Sunset Gala, an evening of great music, food and fun. We'll have a strolling dinner with a selection of beers and wines, live music (artists are a secret for now), raffle items and both silent and live auction items. It will be a lovely sunset retreat to dream the night away at this very special location for a very special purpose: to raise funds to support the operation of the Beaver Island's Community Center and radio station.

August 14 @ 7:30 PM: Beaver Island Jazz Series: Pianist Kevin Cole. Cole enjoys a history of personal praise from musical legends like Irving Berlin, Harold Arlen, E. Y. Harburg, Hugh Martin, Burton Lane, and Stephen Sondheim, as well as members of both the Jerome Kern and George/Ira Gershwin families. Edward Jablonski, author of the Encyclopedia of American Music and renowned Gershwin scholar said, "Kevin is the best Gershwin pianist since Gershwin himself – no one can touch him."

August 17 @ 7:30 PM: Beaver Island Jazz Series: The Dave Bennett Quartet. Dave and his band delight audiences of all ages and musical tastes: from boogie-woogie to country to pop to jazz. "We always look forward to our summer visits to the island," says Bennett. "The BIC Center is a great venue and island audiences are second to none!"

August 24 @ 6 PM: Bodega Catering & Long Road Distillers Pairing Event: Vicki Fingeroot will be hosting a Long Road Distillers cocktail pairing session with her very own gourmet creations. Seating is limited. More details to be announced!

August 31 @ 7:30 PM: Zachariah Malachi and the Nashville Counts. Zachariah Malachi & The Nashville Counts give shows full of unpredictability, leaving you wondering about their next musical destination. Their music is not just country, punk, Americana or folk, but honky tonk from the Hardscuffle region of Tennessee fueled by a Motor City V8 engine. That's a perfect match for the vibe of the island, and Zachariah has played to a packed house every visit.

THE BEAVER HEAD LIGHT HOUSE FACELIFT CONTINUES

The work continues to preserve the Beaver Head Light House so future generations can enjoy our historical culture. We are grateful for our volunteers' unwavering dedication to restoring the Beaver Head Lighthouse. Their passion has been instrumental in preserving this important landmark. Join us to see the progress and for a Potluck on August 18 at 2:00 p.m.

ISLAND BOCCE TOURNAMENT ROLLS INTO ITS 8TH YEAR

Come throw out the pallino and throw down for a worthy cause!

By Frank D'Andraia

The 8th Annual Island Bocce Tournament will return to Peaine Township Park on Homecoming Sunday, August 11. The competition begins at 11:00 a.m. and ends at about 5:00 p.m.

To register to play, call 231-448-2603. Tickets are $60 on the day of the event. Register in advance by August 5 and shave $10 off the admission price.

Ticket includes admission to play, use of bocce equipment, and lunch with a beverage. So stop by to play for prizes, cheer on the players, observe the games, or simply bring a chair and have a day out in the sun. Delicious Italian fare is included with the admission price: Italian sausages on a roll, salad, fresh fruit and homemade biscotti. Plus cold San Pellegrino Sparkling Fruit Beverages like Aranciata (Orange), Limonata (Lemon), and Pompelmo (Grapefruit).

Interested in learning how to play bocce. Pick up games occur most Wednesday afternoons from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. weather permitting. Roll on over, for observers are welcome and most players are willing to have you join a game and "learn by doing."

All proceeds from the 2024 Island Bocce Tournament or "Roll" will benefit the BIC Center/WVBI.

The Island Bocce Tournament has generated almost $15,000 for Island not for profits, including the BI Historical Society, Beaver Island Food Bank, Beaver Island Performing Arts Alliance and many other philanthropic organizations and groups.

In 2025, the Beaver Island Rural Health Center will be the recipient of the proceeds generated by the Annual Island Bocce Tournament.

HIGH SPEED INTERNET: OUR LATEST HURDLE

By Bill Reed

It is an island after all. The expanse of sweet water separating us from the mainland is the point. Distance is the point. It defines and preserves the unique character of the place. For those who've come to stay, and those of us who return again and again even over generations, the isolation, the dark, the quiet, the verdant green and the vast blue waters – this is why we are here.

So we have our cake… but can we eat it too?

Our relative isolation comes at a considerable cost in a world where instantaneous connection to vast troves of on-line information is essential for much of our work, study and no small amount of our play. Not so long ago the telephone and post office were sufficient to conduct essential business from the island. Later on, satellite TV closed the video entertainment gap with the mainland. But the slow forward crawl of the telecom technology on the island has bogged us down to the point where we are now eating the dust of mainland communities who enjoy fully modernized communications.

Granted, the economics here are daunting. Like thousands of small, rural communities across the US, distance and low density increase the capital costs required to provide service to homes and businesses on Beaver Island. In fact, we would likely not have any terrestrial telecom services at all if it weren't for the substantial government subsidies, dating back to the Great Depression, designed to overcome that cost disadvantage while keeping rates affordable. Uniquely for us, Lake Michigan compounds the problem. Laying cable under 30 miles of open water is vastly more expensive than trenching it in along a highway.

Even with those earlier federal subsidies it wasn't until the 1950's that islanders connected to one another across their own telephone exchange (remember 4 digit dialing?). In that era there was a single public phone in downtown St. James that could be used to connect to the mainland. It was across the street from the telegraph office. When my family came here in 1974 things were a bit better. We could make a "long distance" call to the mainland from our home. Yet, twenty-five years later we were still going to the library to connect to the internet to send some e-mail.

Progress has been a slow slog but, very recently, there is cause for hope that we might finally catch up to the 21 st century with our local telecommunications.

A dedicated cadre of local volunteers has been working for a decade now to bring up-to-date telecommunications to Beaver Island. With the support of Township leaders and key island institutions, the Beaver Island Association has been striving to achieve a communications vision to bring the world nearer while still keeping it at a distance.

The key to this magic trick lies in the thin strands of hollow glass that are the basis of fiber optic cable telecommunications. A single strand of the stuff can deliver 25 thousand times the volume of information than is possible with the copper wire that currently links to our homes.
This incredible capacity advantage will soon be coming ashore on Beaver Island from the UP at Donegal Bay and crossing overland to dive back underwater toward Charlevoix at the CMU/Wagner Campground.

The coming fiber optic link to the mainland was made possible by the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act of 2022. That legislation established funding to provide subsidies for rural and underserved areas to build fiber optic links from their communities to reach the backbone fiber cables already crisscrossing the nation. For Beaver Island it has worked… up to a point. Last year Peninsula Fiber Network (PFN) was awarded one of those Infrastructure grants to build the fiber link that will cross our island. Representatives of the Michigan company visited Beaver Island last fall to begin the planning process with local authorities.

But while the PFN project will effectively close the communications gap between the island and the mainland, it does not address how we will connect to it. The same Infrastructure Act funding that will build the PFN submarine cable link to the mainland is also available to build a local network to bring fiber channel's capacity benefits directly to our homes and businesses. PFN is not in that business though and TDS, our current Telecom carrier, has taken advantage of a different subsidy program. It will limit mandatory direct fiber access to only a few island locations -- leaving the rest of us to limp along with the copper-based, DSL that hobbles us today.

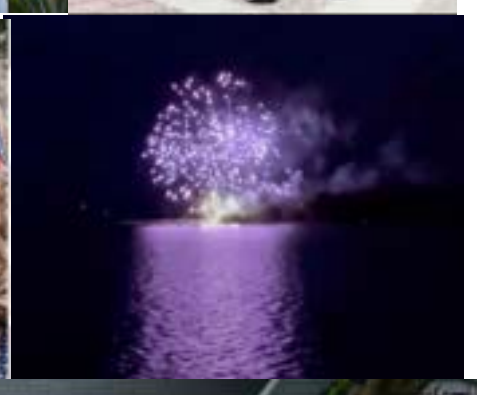
The island's Joint Telecommunications Advisory Committee has been working for two years at the federal and state levels to position Beaver Island to receive Infrastructure funding to build fiber connections to every home and business on the island. TDS's current plan will block that option. The JTAC is fighting back but the regulatory system is biased towards incumbent telecom carriers such as TDS. If their challenge is not successful, our options could be reduced to some form of "Do It Your-Self" project. Otherwise, we will find ourselves riding a horse and buggy while trying to catch the bullet train passing us by.

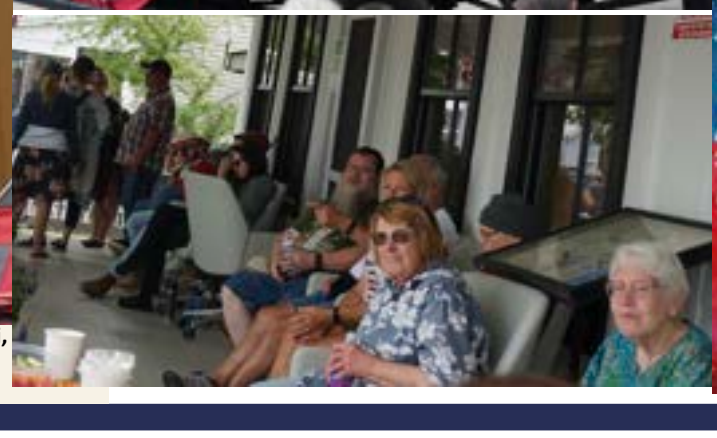
BEAVER ISLAND KIDS CAMP
By Addie Perdue
BEAVER ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
KIDS CAMP
This camp is so fun! I have learned so many cool things and met so many friends. We play so many fun games. This camp is so fun for big kids to little kids. We walk, go to the beach, we play games, and have fun.
The counselors help you but also have fun with you! This was my first time coming and I was nervous but right when my counselor walked out I knew I was going to be ok.
When I come home every day I have the biggest smile ever. My two little brothers love it here and also love their counselor. Every day we do something fun no matter what it is or how it is fun.
I hope your kids have fun just like the other kids and I did!

4TH OF JULY GOES OUT WITH A BANG

By Amy Marschner

Once again, the Island did not disappoint in the celebration of Independence Day. The festivities started with the parade at 1:00 p.m. and then the fireworks that evening. My highlight of the day was honoring our Veterans who served this country and are part of the Beaver Island Community. As a little one, I watched my Papa walk in the parade several years and was so proud to be his granddaughter who now lives here and believes he is smiling down on us. Thanks to all who came out to support the Island and to all those who helped to provide a wonderful experience for all. See you all next year!





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BEAVER ISLAND HAS CHANGED

By Angel Welke

Every day I hear some version of "Beaver Island has changed". Yes, it has. In many ways! The old saying goes there are two sides to every story. It turns out there are two sides to change also.

Beaver Island has changed, there are too many people. OR Beaver Island has changed, there are so many people and for the first time in a very long time there are so many job opportunities. There are more jobs available than there are folks to fill the openings.

Beaver Island has changed, the Island is crowded. OR Beaver Island has changed, and more people are visiting because more people have fallen in love with what the rest of us already knew. Beaver Island is stunningly beautiful and a special place to visit, live, work, play, boodle, and relax.

Beaver Island has changed, I do not recognize so many people. OR Beaver Island is continuing to grow and prosper and while there are many new faces on the Island, there are also some amazing stories of new generations of Island families continuing to provide valuable services for all of Beaver Island. Recently, we saw second generation boat captain Mike Green retire and third generation Neal Green become the Island deputy. In recent years Beaver Island is so lucky to have third generation McDonough family members join the team at McDonough's Market. There have even been a few sightings of fourth generation McDonough crew stocking shelves. Another generation of the Cole family is at the helm of the community center working along side her parents to make the place the "Heart of Beaver Island".

Beaver Island has changed, there are no houses for sale. OR Property that has been for sale on Beaver Island for years is selling and the local contractors are booking work for years to come. In the past our local contractors have had to leave the Island in search of work. The new faces on the Island are keeping the work on the Island.

Beaver Island has changed, the school is too big. OR When the pandemic struck a blow in 2020 the Beaver Island Community School was able to accept a 20% increase in students and bounce back from all time low student enrollment.

Change the way you look at things and the things you look at change.

Wayne W. Dyer

Beaver Island has changed, there are so many unfamiliar faces here and they will not make it long on the Island. OR There was a time when Bishop Baraga was new to the Island. We still honor his contributions to the Island by visiting the Baraga Cross. There was a time when the Mormon followers of King Strang were new to the Island, yet we still admire their barn construction, orchards, and we visit a museum in a building they built. Every day we travel roads named after the Irish who were once new to Beaver Island but have made a lasting impact on this place.

Beaver Island has changed, you are not an Islander. OR What is an Islander? I have had many people tell me versions of this over the years. My favorites: Russell Green "You are an Islander because I say you are." Deb Robert "You are an Islander because you have the Islander spirit." Paul Cole "You are an Islander if you give back, if you are part of the Island, if you participate."These are just a few definitions of Islander. What is yours?

While there have been many changes on Beaver Island there are also so many things that have remained constant:

- Sunrise over Paradise Bay still stunning.
- Folks still wave.
- You can still hear laughter as new visitors make the run-up Mt. Pisgah.
- It still important to make a drive to the point to make sure the light-house is still there.
- Boodles are still a great way to spend a sunny afternoon.
- You can still hear the call of the loons on a quiet morning.
- The church bells still ring out to remind us of the importance of faith
- Sunset at Donegal Bay is still hard to beat.

Beaver Island has changed – for the better! There are more folks living here who love it and want to protect the Island's natural beauty. There are more volunteers to help at events that make the Island special. There are more folks to chat with at the grocery store, post office, or airport. There are more stories about how special Beaver Island is.

As I think of how Beaver Island has changed, I think about a day about a year ago when I stood on the ramp at Welke Airport after loading an air ambulance flight with one of the Island's most special residents. I stood with a group of EMS, fire fighters, IA crew, and the family and we prayed together. I stood with a group of Islanders who make Beaver Island better every day. That day, that moment, cemented to me that the Beaver Island character and heart that makes it so special is alive and well and continuing.

Angel Welke is the President of Island Airways & Beaver Island Historical Society Board of Directors

66 YEAR OLD KAYAKS AROUND THE ISLAND

By Amy Marschner

On July 11, 2024, annual Beaver Island visitor Tom Ehrhard, 66, circumnavigated the island in a kayak, completely unsupported. He accomplished the feat in the astonishing time of 9 hours and 30 minutes, making only three stops on the trip. Island resident Dan Burton knows of only one other one-day circumnavigation by an accomplished stand-up paddleboard (SUP) racer several years ago, who took 16 hours to get around the island.

Tom and his wife Karen live in Fredericksburg, Virginia and have been coming to Beaver Island for over a decade, the last four years for two months at a time. They were introduced to the island by Kevin Morlock and Steve Martinez of Indigo Guide Service because Tom is an avid fly fisherman and wanted to experience the world-class fishery they established here over 20 years ago. After fishing the Indigo and experiencing island's laid-back, friendly culture, Tom and Karen (and their Yellow Lab named Bomber) decided to make the island their summer retreat.

BI IRISH HERITAGE GROUP ANNOUNCES IRISH HALL OF FAME

By Kathleen McNamara

Six Beaver Island Irish Community Members to be Honored.

Beaver Island — July 15, 2024 — Six individuals of Irish descent with strong connections to Beaver Island will be honored by the Beaver Island Irish Heritage Group for contributions in the areas of Cultural Heritage, Arts, Entertainment, Public Service and Religion. The Beaver Island Irish American Hall of Fame, Class of 2024, will be inducted in a ceremony on Beaver Island Saturday, September 7th at 10:30 am, during the two-day Emerald Isle Irish Féile (Festival). The Beaver Island Irish American Hall of Fame came about as part of the Féile planning process as an authentic way to recognize, support and remember Beaver Island's traditional Irish community and its link to Arranmore Island, Ireland, from which so many Beaver Islanders emigrated in the late 1800's.

The following individuals will be inducted. Patrick Bonner, Arts & Entertainment, Cynthia Gillespie Cushman, Cultural Heritage; Glenn Hendrix, Special Recognition Arts & Entertainment; Daniel Archie LaFreniere, Business & Industry; Rodney Nackerman, Public Service; and, Loretta Slater, Religion. The induction ceremony will be hosted by Beaver Island historian, Robert Cole and long-time Beaver Island visitor (and Michigan Irish American Hall of Fame 2019 Inductee) Brother Jim Boynton. The inductees will receive a medal and plaque.

Their biographies and pictures will soon be available on the Emerald Isle Irish Féile website **https://irishfeile.com/** where last year's Class of 2023 can currently be viewed.

The nominees have a meaningful connection to Beaver Island, are of verifiable Irish ancestry and all have made a notable contribution in one of the aforementioned areas. It is significant this year that Patrick Bonner (1882-1973) will be inducted posthumously in the category of Arts & Entertainment; he was inducted into the Michigan Irish American Hall of Fame in 2015 in the same category. Patrick is a legendary Beaver Island Fiddler who was proficient at lilting Irish melodies popular at that time. He played for dances, weddings, anniversaries and celebrations of all kinds and his work was enshrined in history through the recordings of musicologists Alan Lomax and Ivan Walton. Another 2024 inductee, Glenn Hendrix, an accomplished fiddler himself, has spent much time documenting, playing and preserving Patrick's music for the future.

Check out the website https://irishfeile.com/ for a look at all the other amazing activities the Féile (September 6 & 7, 2024) has to offer: music, contests, historical and cultural displays, games and much more. Tickets for the Emerald Isle Irish Féile (Festival) can be purchased on the website and People wishing to help sponsor the festival can also do so on the site.

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AUGUST IS NATIONAL FAMILY FUN MONTH

HOW TO OBSERVE
Make some time this month for family fun.
You may want to:
- Order pizza and watch a movie in the backyard
- Go camping
- Take a vacation
- Go out for ice cream
- Enjoy a backyard campfire
- Build a backyard fort
- Family bike ride
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Day at the park
- Make a talent show
- Cook meals together
- Have a karaoke night

AUGUST IS ALSO HAPPINESS HAPPENS MONTH.

Happiness is a choice. Remembering happiness does not mean you are problem free. That kind of life doesn't exist. As the Stoics of Ancient Greece observed, happiness is all about the quality of your thoughts. Happiness is not a destination, but rather a life-long pursuit. Joy can be anywhere at any time. Don't limit yourself to searching for pleasure. Enjoy everything and anything that makes you happy. AND August 8th is National Happiness Happens Day.

AUGUST IS INTERNATIONAL PEACE MONTH:

Join us at the Peace Pole at the Library on August 16th at 10 a.m. for a peace ceremony and reading.

BABIES AND TODDLERS OUTSIDE FUN!
Babes and Toddlers meets on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome

STORY TIME FOR ELEMENTARY KIDS AT THE BIDL on Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM at the BIDL

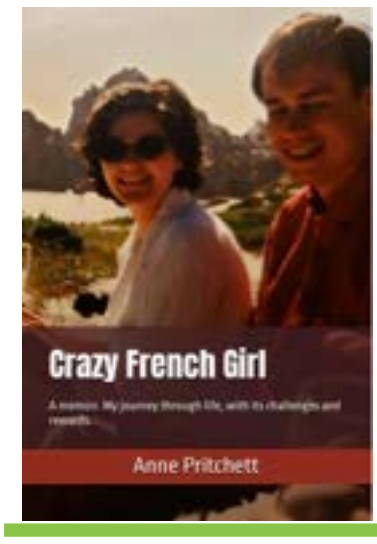
Many kids are enjoying the summer reading program at Storytime, Teen Cafe and specials.
Some are excited about the reading challenges too! Let's read!

Fiero Code Club meets on Saturdays at 1 p.m.
Activities, games and challenges for the attendees related to Coding. Snacks provided too!

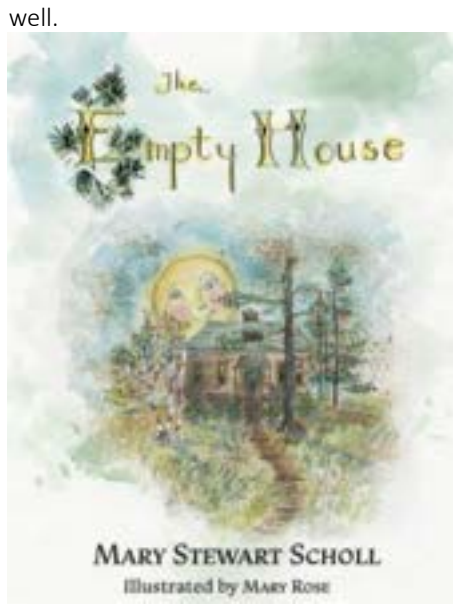
Ages 8 years old and up can learn to code and design their own games, websites and more.
Come to find out what it's all about.

LOCAL AUTHOR VISITS

Anne Pritchett. August 7th, 2 p.m.
Crazy French Girl. Anne is a summer resident of Beaver Island along with her family.



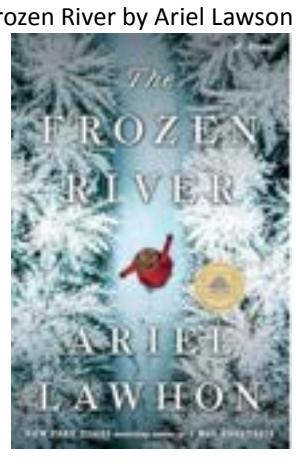
Mary Stewart Scholl- Aug. 5 at 7:30 p.m. Book signing Empty House. Mary runs the local Toy Museum on Beaver Island. Her watercolors grace the walls of many island homes! Now her book will find places on many bookshelves as well.



Acacia Warmerdam: Aug. 27th 7 p.m.

Fantasy-Romance novels including the Girl who sleeps in the Moon and Wild Prince and the King of Darkness. Acacia and her family moved to Beaver Island a couple of years ago, buying Rose Connaghan's home onKing's Highway and worked to renovate the home.

BI August 21th 3 p.m.
Frozen River by Ariel Lawson

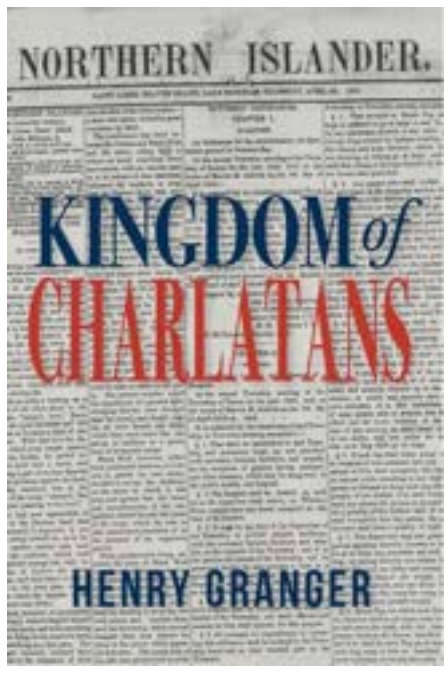


The Stapletons come to Beaver Island
The Stapletons performed at the Library on July 13th.The weather was wonderful so it was held outside. The sang songs about the Great Lakes and the people who lived here. The family is touring the Great Lakes and filming a documentary about the music of the region.

Jeff Gray: July 16th:
Jeff Gray, NASA Outreach coordinator was on the island the week of July 16th.

Shelby Harris: July 17th:
Shelby Harris continued the Seed Library speaker series with a talk about Aquatic Invasive Species at the Library.

Ed Grafton: July 17th:
Ed Grafton, writing as Henry Granger, author of Kingdom of Charlatans, an historical Fiction set on Beaver Island and featuring King James Strang, was at the library to discuss his book with the Book Club and the public.



LIBRARY SERVICES- WHAT DOES THE LIBRARY DO FOR THE COMMUNITY?

By Jacque LaFreniere

Most people think of a library as a place that only lends books, but libraries are so much more! Communities with libraries are more vibrant, and offer much to the people who frequent them. Here is just a snapshot of what our Beaver Island District Library offers.

- Lending of cataloged materials- printed books, magazines, DVDS, Audiobooks and CD players, Music CDs
- Interlibrary Loans for materials we don't have
- On-going book sale inside and at Jan's Book Nook
- The Langford Music Room offers a quiet space for online meetings, small gatherings, and a quiet work space which can be reserved.
- 4 public computers
- Free Wi-Fi, available 24/7, both inside and outside - some of the best connectivity on the Island
- Outdoor seating
- Outlets for device charging outside
- Color printing, Black & white printing, scanning, faxing and copying.
- Adult and Youth programming (Book Club, Babies and Toddlers Mix-up, Storytime, Teen Cafe, Fiero Code Club, summer reading programs, Summer Library Quest for teens, author visits)
- Demo site for Braille and Talking Book Library
- 50-inch flat screen for public use-internet accessible
- Collaborations with other community organizations and businesses for programming, presenters, activities, etc.

Updates for programming and events can be found on our website: www.beaverisland.michlibrary.org, our Facebook page and on Beaver Island This and That, the BICC Community Calendar, WVBI, www.beaverislandforum.com, Wowbrary, Northern Islander newspaper, or at the Library.

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THE 9TH ANNUAL BEAVER ISLAND SUSTAINABILITY FAIR WAS THE BEST EVER!

By Seamus Norgaard

You know you've created a tradition that matters to folks, when 35 of them show up in the rain to participate in your opening ceremony!
Saturday morning this multi-generational group gathered at Paradise Park for the Anishinaabe Water Blessing led by Cynthia Pryor, and an Irish Celtic Body Prayers Blessing by Seamus Norgaard.

• ARRIVAL MONDAY JUNE 17TH GRAND VALLEY COLLEGE STUDENTS
TWELVE bright, enthused young environmental students from Grand Valley State University (GVSU) studied diligently, explored the Island, and engaged with local residents throughout the week developing their own love affair with our beautiful historic home. These students contributed by meeting and working with St. James Township Supervisor, Bobbi Welke, Peaine Township Trustee Vicki Smith, and by examining local food systems. Together they examined ways to educate residents on home food scrap composting, thereby potentially reducing methane greenhouse gases, enriching local gardens, and saving off Island transportation fees by potentially diverting 110 tons of Island food wastes from "the garbage" by 2030.

• TUESDAY 6/18 FROM MUSHROOMS TO SOLAR INSTALLATIONS, DARK SKIES & THE STARS!
Local favorite Gina Mangra led 33 enthusiasts on a mushroom education, mushroom foraging workshop at CMU Biological Station. This was the kick off to a full day that included Cole Maxon of Agathon Solar installing a donated solar system for Tara's Meadow's dream cabin. That evening residents were inspired by local musician and songwriter Melissa Welke, as she kicked off the Dark Sky Sanctuary Evening celebration at the BI Community Center. The celebration featured local project founders & Leaders William Markey & Cynthia Hector Johnson, along with guest speaker Northern Lights Dark Sky award-winning photographer Justin Miller.

• WEDNESDAY 6/19 NATIVE PLANT HIKE + GROWING YOUR OWN MUSHROOMS
Local favorites Shelby Harris led a large group of nature fans on a Native Plants Nature Hike down the Hidden Valley Trail in the Port of St James. Later Gina Mangra Mushroom Lady demonstrated how to inoculate logs and "grown your own" mushrooms at Heritage Park.

• THURSDAY 6/20 AGRIVOLTAICS + MONARCHS & POLLINATOR PLANTINGS
New Islanders, Adam Duke and Kristen Frick worked closely with our Tara's Meadow crew to host two "Team Monarch" families out from the mainland. With the guidance of Petoskey Monarch expert Lauri Juday, these families joined hands with GVSU students in Butterfly Studies and Pollinator Planting down at Tara's Meadow Education & Retreat Center on the Westside Road.

• FRIDAY 6/21 WAVE ENERGY & "THE PAIRS" The morning featured Lei Zuo Professor, Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, and the Wave Energy Research Team from UM, demonstrating prototypes for harnessing this abundant renewable energy from theLake. The evening featured the award-winning trio of sister song-writers and angelic harmonizers from Ontario called "The Pairs." Songs of incredible emotional intelligence! If you missed them -- you missed a beautiful evening of music and authentic sharings of community, life, and love at the BI Community Center.

• SATURDAY 6/22 SMART ENERGY, PERMACUTURE, AND ORGANIC FOOD SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT
After our shoreline opening ceremony in the rain, Adam Duke presented Energy Audit techniques at the Print Shop Museum, and Harbor Bodega catered a delicious taco bar feast at Greg Fellowship Hall kicking off the afternoon programs. Saturday's presentations included updates from Beaver Island's Smart Energy Team on conservation, solar, cost savings, and energy reliability. Then a fascinating take on local food production by Sacred Earth Initiative's permaculture expert Eran Rhodzel from Manistee. Saturday's rich offerings concluded with joint presentations by GVSU students followed by St. James Supervisor Bobbi Welke and Peaine township trustee Vicki Smith of their award-winning analysis and proposals for Beaver Island Organics Management through residential and food scraps composting.

Water Blessing led by Cynthia Prior, and an Irish Celtic Body Prayers Blessing by Seamus Norgaard
Gathon Solar Donation to Tara's Meadow
Fair Weekend Musicians "The Pairs", Claudia Schmidt & Sally Rogers

HERE'S TO TARA'S MEADOW AND THE BEAVER ISLAND SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE (BISI), and its many contributors and supporters, including the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, the Beaver Island Community Center, the Beaver Island Dark Sky Project, BIBCO, Agathon Solar, the BIA, Terrestrial Invasive Species Program (TIS), the BI Music Festival, GVSU's Environmental Sustainability Studies program, the BI Historical Society, McDonough's Market, and Harbor Bodega Catering. We thank all the volunteers old and new, including Sue Holcombe, Gina Mangra, and Island newcomers Corey and Laura Sanders who believe with us that Beaver Island can serve as one shining example of hope and sustainability for future generations.

L'Dor V'Dor 24 "From Generation to Generation"

Labor Day Weekend Retreat: Sat 8/31 & Sun 9/1
Tara's Meadow Education & Retreat Center
West Side Rd, Beaver Island

From 17 to 70, young & old gather for a weekend of music, storytelling, & creative fun! Curious about "neurodivergence" & "nonbinary gender identity"? Come learn from a young person. What else can young people & elders share? A weekend of fun at beautiful Tara's Meadow Camp includes yoga and fresh self-discoveries for everyone, creative games, wisdom & fun, with evening storytelling and guitar around the campfire. Register now before August 15. Contact Seamus: celticbodyprayers@gmail.com. Discount fee for Islanders. Scholarships for young folks are available.

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CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS - ROADSIDE CLEANUP DAY

By Frank D'Andraia

Join us for a community roadside clean-up event on Saturday September 14th, starting at 9:00 a.m. Individuals interested in volunteering are asked to rendezvous at the Peaine Township Hall parking lot at 9:00 a.m. to tackle litter and spruce up our bucolic Island byways.

Every helping hand counts! Whether you can spare an hour or the whole morning, your contribution is invaluable in keeping our roadsides clean and beautiful. Bring your friends, family for a positive and worthwhile morning adventure to make our community shine. See you there!

ROADSIDE CLEANUP DAY
SATURDAY, September 14th
9:00 AM - NOON
MEET @ PEAINE TOWNSHIP HALL

- Volunteers should wear boots or walking shoes;
- Volunteers wear yellow-green safety vests, which are required by federal regulations;
- Volunteers should wear long pants for poison ivy thrives along island roadsides;
- Volunteers must be at least 12 years old. Children between the ages of 12 and 17 must be accompanied by an adult;
- Volunteers must watch a safety training video and abide by safety guidelines;
- Volunteers between the ages of 12 and 17 must complete a Youth Participation Release Form;
- Safety Vests, Gloves, Pick Sticks, Trash and Bags are provided courtesy of Peaine and St. James Townships and arrangements have been made to haul away the trash that is collected;
- Water provided courtesy of McDonough's Market; Pick-Sticks and Gloves Provided by Peaine and St. James Townships;
- There is no fee to participate!

Roadsides to be cleaned up are dependent on the number of volunteers who step up.

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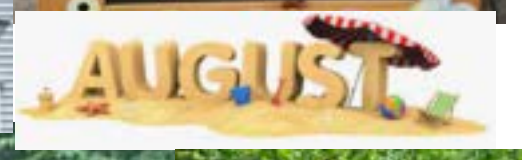

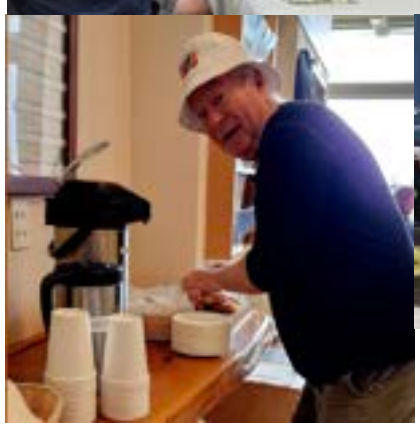

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August 2024

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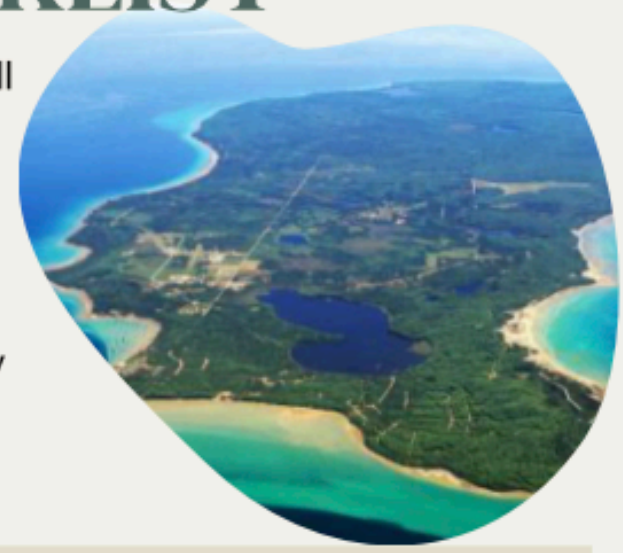
https://biccenter.org/calendar/

VISITORS CHECKLIST

Every year we are fortunate to have new visitors from all over the United States. First, we welcome you to Beaver Island and hope that your stay with us is both memorable and pleasant. If you are new to the Island, below are a few key highlights that may help you navigate around and provide insight to Island life and culture. We have no shortage of resources but you may just need a kind hand to point you in the right direction.



01 VISITOR INFORMATION

The Island has many helpful resources to enrich your stay here on the Beaver.

- The Beaver Island Community Center
- The Beaver Island Visitors Guide
- The Chamber of Commerce

02 LOCAL EVENTS

Regardless of the month or weather, this community enjoys entertainment and schedules events for all ages.

- The Beaver Island Community Center and calendar is the epicenter for the "know" and what is cool that is happening
- Check out our social pages to learn more about island activity

03 BASIC NEEDS

Traveling to Beaver Island can be a bit of a mystery. What do I need? What should I bring? The great news is that we have you covered with the supplies required to make your stay a memorable one.

- McDonough's Market
- Island Energies- Gas/light groceries

04 WASTE DISPOSAL

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- Full-service Sheriff Department
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06 HIGHLIGHTS/ATTRACTIONS

Our island offers endless entertainment, opportunities, and smiles.

- Check out our newly installed toy boxes at the Public and Iron Ore Bay Beaches
- Visit the Big Rock
- The Library is incredible- read a book
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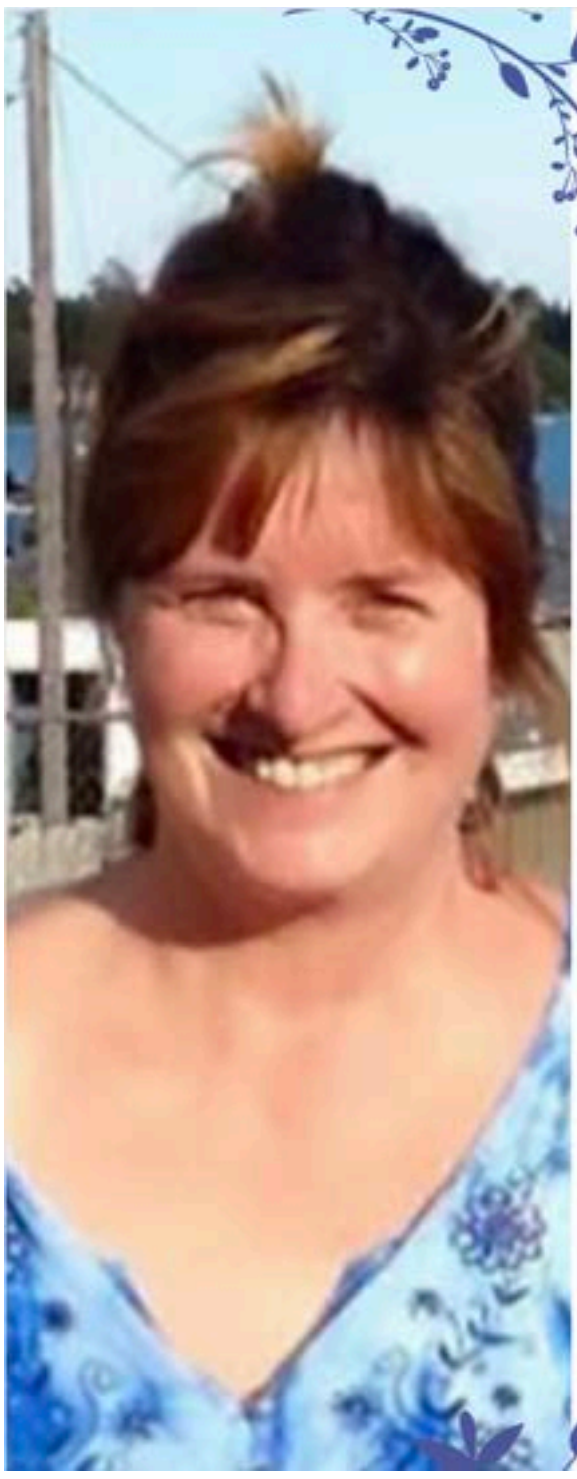
Volunteer Spotlight

Lynne Flanagan

Lynne served on the Historical Society Board and continues to volunteer as a docent and helps to organize our flat files in the Archive Room. She has a cheerful heart and is a joy to be around.

According to Lynne, about 46 years ago, she took a ferry ride to the island and visited the Historical Society Museum. There on the wall was Margaret Early. My husband's mother is Nora Early from Arranmore. From that time on we visited and, doesn't everyone, fell in love with the island. One day I was visiting Bill Cashman in his office and noticed a glass cabinet full of tapes. Many were from the 1980's and aging. I found my mission. Since there was a machine available that did all the work, they were converted to a digital format. I have since worked on the files with Sue Oole and am thrilled to see the direction the Historical Society is taking.

Lynne is a truly delightful person, and it was a pleasure to get to know her. I hope you get a chance to stop by the Print Shop - Historical Society and let her know that she 'makes a difference' in our community.



In loving memory of

Beatrice "Trisha" Chandler

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October 20, 1956 – June 18, 2024

Submitted By: Severin and Marcell Chandler

Beatrice "Trisha" Chandler, 67, of Beaver Island, formerly of Gaylord, passed away on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, on Beaver Island. She was born on October 20, 1956, in Aarau, Switzerland, the daughter of Eugen and Dora (Stirnemann) Wälti and the youngest sister to her brothers Eugen and Urs Wälti.

Trisha grew up in a single-family home in Grånichen, Switzerland, and loved all animals including her dog Astor and their family's two Pinschers. When Trisha was young, she competed in gymnastics in Grånichen and Wetzikon. She would ultimately go on to obtain a degree with a focus on Travel and Hospitality where she worked for Lufthansa Airlines, Kuoni, and Imholz.

While on a vacation in Florida, she met the love of her life, David Chandler. They were wed on September 25th, 1987 in Switzerland, and shortly after she moved to the US. They raised a family of their own in Gaylord where she worked in sales and catering for Treetops Resort and later became the Director of sales and catering for the Otsego Club. She religiously attended mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Gaylord for many years. She was also an integral part of the Alpenfest parade, including the formation of the Lampion Parade and burning of the boogg'. Being that Gaylord is the sister city to Pontresina, Switzerland, Trisha had organized a meeting with Pontresina authorities to help build the relationship between the two cities.

She and David retired to Beaver Island where she almost immediately became a pillar of the island. Trisha dedicated her time to the historical society, Holy Cross Catholic Church, and managing rooms at the Harbor View Motel. Trisha had a deep interest in history; that of her own family, as well as the history of Beaver Island and the Great Lakes. She enjoyed researching and sharing her findings with others. She loved to spend time outdoors hiking, going for walks, skiing, and tending to her garden. Trisha was a gifted cook and enjoyed sharing this gift with others by organizing and hosting countless get-togethers over the years. She was able to travel to many parts of the world throughout her life. She enjoyed sharing her stories of her endless adventures over a glass of good wine and good food. In her travels, and through much practice, she was able to speak six languages.

Trisha is survived by her two sons, Severin (Laddy) Chandler of Minneapolis, and Marcell (Amy) Chandler of Grosse Pointe Woods; two stepsons, Chris (Kelly) Chandler of Indianapolis, and Jason (Jamie) Gooding of Fenton; two brothers, Eugen (Evelyne) Wälti, and Urs Wälti; and her granddaughter, Riley Chandler.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband, David Chandler. A memorial mass will take place on July 27, 2024, at St. Mary's Cathedral in Gaylord. Visitation will begin at 10:30 am up until the memorial mass begins at 11:00 am

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Cathedral, Holy Cross Catholic Church, or the Beaver Island Historical Society.

Arrangements are in the care of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign her online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

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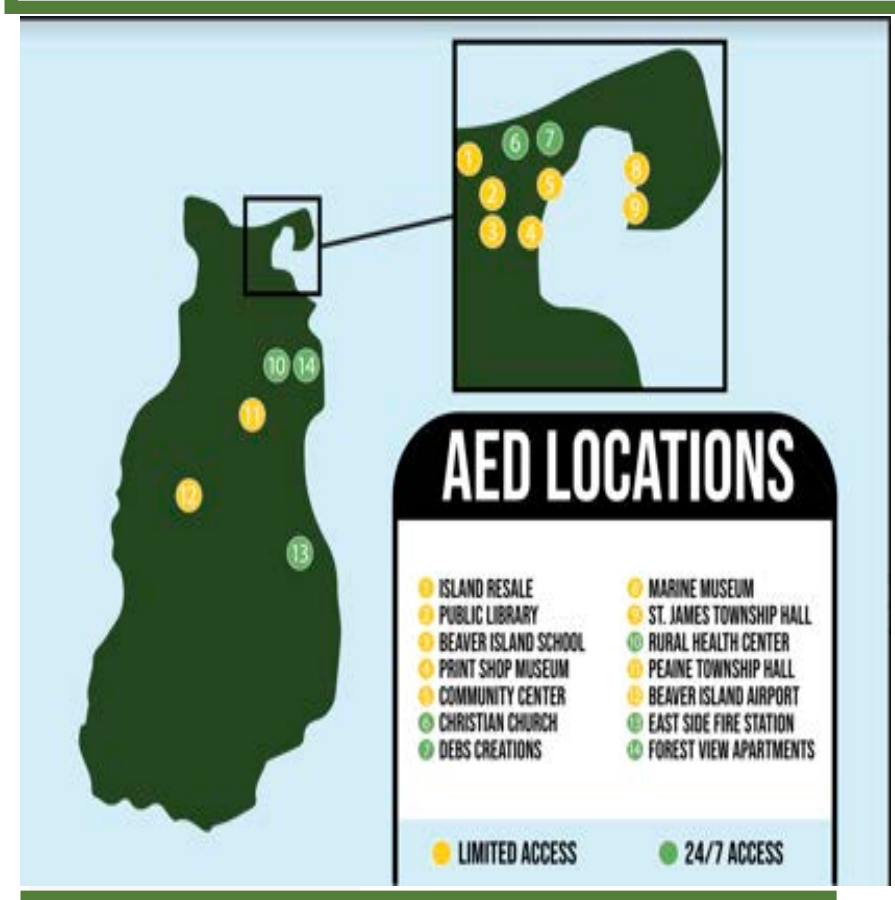

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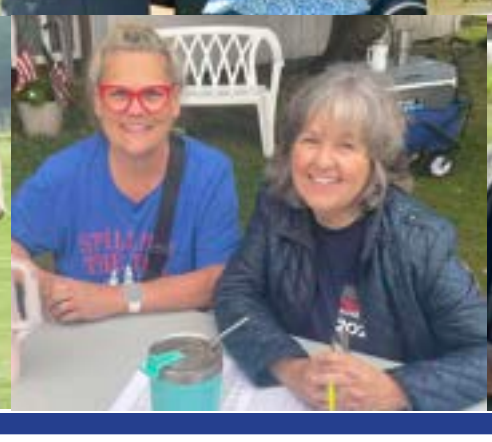
4TH OF JULY ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

By Amy Marschner

It was a cloudy start but turned into a beautiful day for the 43rd annual Fourth of July golf tournament on gorgeous Beaver Island! Congratulations to the winning team of Jared Pike, Cody, Ian Becker, Todd Ireland and Corey Johnson, who posted another very impressive score of 30! Thank you to all the players, and a big thank you to our generous hole sponsors and prize donors! We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday! We look forward to next year.



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A Review of Central Michigan University's play

EXIT, PURSUED BY A BEAR

By Anais Pangle

From left to right: Nan played by Maisy McPhall, Kyle played by Harry Krafchak, and Sweetheart played by Anthea Pearson. Not pictured Simon played by Jarrod Kimble. Picture credit: Adam Sparkes

The Community Center hosted Central Michigan University's summer theater group on June 28th for their dark comedy performance of Exit, Pursued by a Bear. About thirty people attended. While the play was written by Laura Gunderson and directed by Keely Stanley-Bohn, it was originally inspired by Shakespeare's Act III of the Winter's Tale. The play tells a story of a woman, Nan, who felt trapped in her situation with her husband Kyle. With the help from her friends Simon and Sweetheart, she overcame her predicament. Before ridding themselves of Kyle, the friends reenacted scenes from Kyle and Nan's relationship leading up to his gruesome fate.

Although the play was not a light summer comedy, the performers garnered many laughs from the audience with their well delivered jokes. The play addressed difficult topics including abusive marriage while remaining uplifting. The plot sent a message of empowerment to those who find themselves in difficult places over the course of time. According to Bookrags.com, there is an intertwined theme, "that making right decisions often depends on choosing to face uncomfortable truths, and that making such choices results in positive transformation."

I enjoyed the show, especially the emotional parts Maisy McPhall playing Nan delivered. I found the set very impressive considering the crew had to reconstruct it upon arriving to Beaver Island; the play would not have been the same without details like the massive stuffed deer head. In summary, Beaver Island is fortunate to be a location CMU theater students stop on their summer tour.

Nan played by Maisy McPhall
Picture credit: Adam Sparkes

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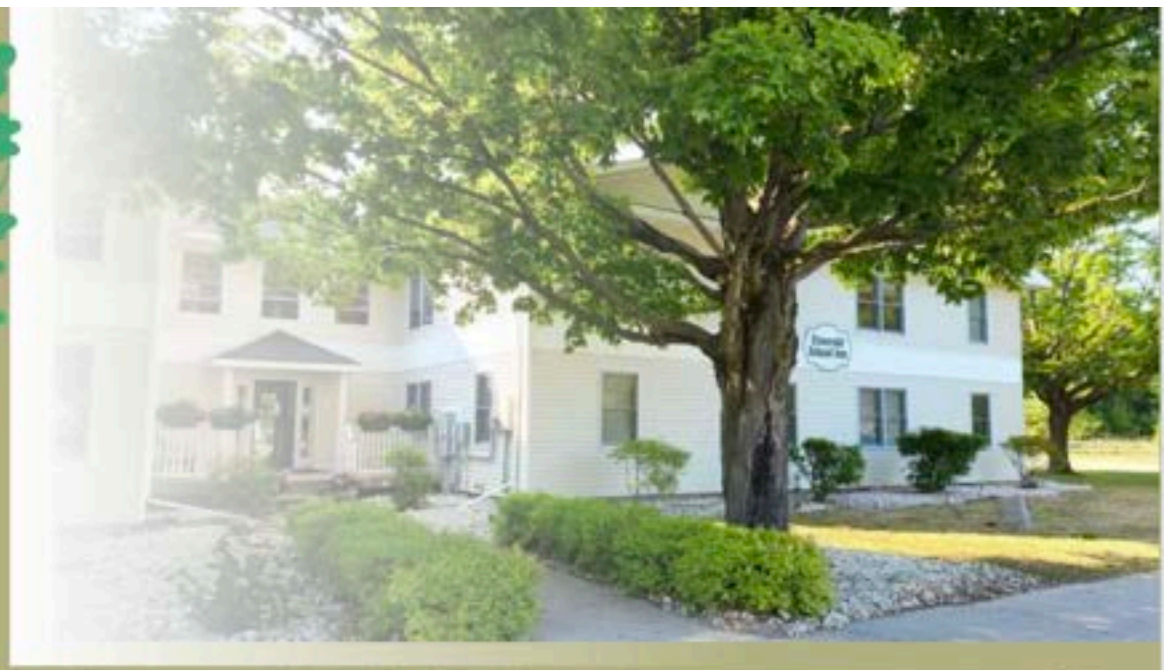

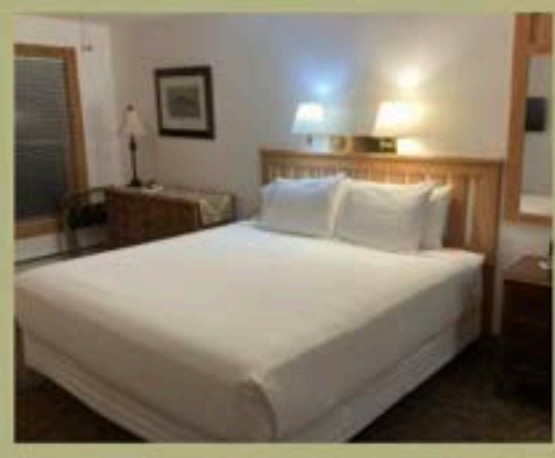

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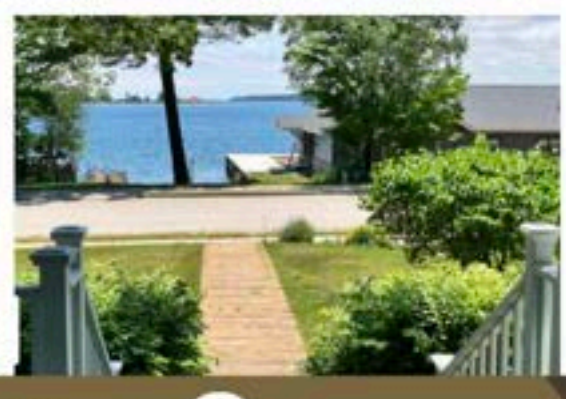

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An absolutely one of a kind home and property in the center of the town of St. James. It has a beautiful view of the Harbor Point and entrance. The lot runs from Back Highway, crosses Main Street and goes out to the 33 ft. of Beaver Harbor Frontage. The House was built by the Gallagher Family in 1903, and is still owned by a decendant and her husband. The current owners have been improving it since 2004. It is now totally redone but a combination of modern (the two additions) with some rooms still hinting at early 1900's. It is 2561 sq. ft. (per owner) with 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms (Full up and ¾ down.) One, and possibly two first floor rooms could be made into extra bedrooms. (Office and library room.) Mostly 2004 Andersen windows in the house. Plus in 2004: new foundation, new wiring, new 80' well, new septic field, new front porch, new roof, new and refurbished wood floors, new large addition and much more. (See the two pages of fantastic details of the work and house features prepared by the Seller at our website: edwojanrealty.com.) The decks are on two sides of the house. The side, front and upper additions done in 2004 were done with absolutely excellent insulation, windows, etc. "There are nine foot ceilings in all rooms." (Owners notes) Yotul gas fireplace, Library, Office, Utility room, new back porch and much, much more. The property also has a 24' X 32' two-car garage with two garage doors, and an insulated workshop area and a separate equipment shed. Excellent appliances that go with the house and a 24 foot removable dock for your boat. The raw land value of this property is around $300,000.00 if it was vacant. It would cost well over $900,000.00 to build this residence and 2 other buildings today. The total replacement costs well over one million dollars. It is therefore priced to sell at only **$795,000.00**

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THE ORIGINS AND SCOPE OF THE BEAVER ISLAND ARCHIPELAGO TRAILS ASSOCIATION

By Ken Zick

The nature of things change along with the things of nature. Johnny Martin's Trail in the 1960's was once a cleared trail from Middle Perron to East Side Drive, a major West to East throughfare across the island. Now in places it is a flowing stream in the Spring, interrupted by a beaver dam that was once a meadow. Where it once looped around from Camp Three Trail, it is now cut by a ravine caused by a burst beaver dam.

Since the DNR cut fire trails in the 1940-50s, the question of how trails are maintained has reflected a challenging tension between DNR purposes and the differing aims of various island groups and authorities. The history of trails on the island has been fraught with different perceptions of how trails are to be used. In the 1970's the Beaver Island Archipelago was designated a Wildlife Research Area. In 2013, the state developed new land management policies for public land, and in 2017 it set forth its vision for the management of these properties as a partnership involving townships, tribal groups, nature conservancies, and other interested stakeholders. In its 2017 report the DNR specifically noted the purposes of this partnership when it noted:

The policy emphasizes the degree of human impact should decrease in proportion to increasing levels of ecological, historical and cultural sensitivities. In addition, the Department must consider the potential economic impact of development plans, recognizing that in most cases the considerations will not override ecological or historical values.

The 2017 Wildlife Division Report provides a clear context for trails planning and development efforts and the complexities of reconciling a myriad of interests.

https://www.michigan.gov/-/media/Project/Websites/dnr/Documents/WLD/SGA/island_management_plan_wld.pdf?rev=b912193a6db64b5fab61a7091367b7f3

The history of trails management on the island reflects this tension. For the most part the DNR's Wildlife Division has not engaged in trail improvement or maintenance. Prior to 2013 its policy could best be described as benign involvement. This benign policy allowed Peaine Township, through its Trails Committee (and development of its Recreation Plan), to engage in trails work unimpeded. Seven Bridges Trail is an example of a DNR trail that was developed many years ago by Eagle Scouts under the direction of Doug Tilly. However, many trails on the island are actually Charlevoix County roads which can be maintained with township input via the Charlevoix County Road Commission. But aside from these roads, the DNR possesses regulatory authority for all other trails on public land. ORVs and ATVs are not permitted on most of these trails.

The Beaver Island Archipelago Trails Association, BIATA, was formed on June 11, 2017 at the behest of then Township Supervisor, Bill Kohls, as a way of fostering better cooperation with the DNR. As a 501(3)(c) c haritable organization it is a volunteer organization.
BIATA adopted as its mission: *To develop and sustain a trails system for the archipelago that serves the needs of hikers, bikers, kayakers, birders, and other outdoor enthusiasts with loop trails and destination sites which capture and interpret the unique natural, cultural, and historical elements of the islands so that people may explore them in ways that are mindful of the need to preserve and protect them for recreation, exercise, education, and renewal.*

The first BIATA Board consisted of Mark Englesman, Ken Zick, Phil Becker, Mike Finn, and Doug Tilly. It soon added Louis Post, Jim Flanagan, and Dick Mulvihill. Its President is now Gina Mangra. Since its inception, BIATA volunteers have logged hundreds of work hours maintaining and improving trails for public use, developing trails signage, hosting guided tours, combating invasive plant life, and developing GPS coordinates. Moreover, it has cooperated with the DNR to develop strategies for comprehensive trail improvement for the future. All are welcome to join BIATA by contacting President Gina Mangra at trails@biata.org The BIATA annual meeting this year will be held at the Peaine Township Hall at 6:30 p.m. on August 21.

*Ken Zick has been an island resident since 2013 and acted as convenor and a co-founder of BIATA. He presently serves as BIATA Secretary.

Annual Homecoming Chicken Dinner
Date: Sat Aug 11 at Holy Cross Hall from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

The Menu:
Grilled Chicken (sold as 1/2 chicken or 1/4 chicken), mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, cole slaw, dinner rolls, a variety of homemade desserts, lemonade, water, coffee all included in the price of the dinner. All proceeds go to Holy Cross of Beaver Island.

Homecoming Events to include Homecoming Dinner has been an annual event since 1932, so this is the **92nd year!** The traditions have varied since its inception. There have been parades, dances, dinners, music, games, good old fashioned family fun from the beginning but mostly the events bring together families and the community with the aid of an army of volunteers. The chicken dinner itself takes over 75 volunteers to be pulled off.

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RENOWNED JAZZ PIANIST RETURNS TO BEAVER ISLAND THIS SUMMER

By Matt Thomas

"America's Pianist" Kevin Cole returns to Beaver Island for an extraordinary evening of vocal jazz on August 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the BIC Center. Joined by singer Judy Harrison, Kevin has planned a night full of standards from the Great American Songbook and Broadway. Kevin is widely regarded as the foremost interpreter of George Gershwin's compositions. Cole's performances have garnered accolades from America's most prominent music critics and multiple return engagements with orchestras and concert series across the country. Howard Reich of the Chicago Tribune declared: "When Cole sits down at the piano, you would swear Gershwin himself was at work…Cole stands as the best Gershwin pianist in America today." From the Hollywood Bowl to the BBC Concert Orchestra, Cole's jazz-classical artistry has been presented and lauded at the highest levels. A brilliant music director and arranger, Kevin has crafted dazzling orchestral and concert programs that showcase the genius of American composers Marvin Hamlisch, Cole Porter, and George Gershwin.

A graduate of the Interlochen Arts Academy, Mr. Cole is a distinguished Steinway Artist. His many engagements include the Los Angeles Philharmonic, San Francisco Symphony, Minnesota Orchestra, Boston Philharmonic, Nashville Symphony, Albany Symphony, Cincinnati Pops, Indianapolis Symphony, Pittsburgh Symphony, Edmonton Symphony (Canada), Philharmonia Orchestra (UK), BBC Concert Orchestra (UK), Grant Park Symphony, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Utah Symphony and more.
This concert is part of the Beaver Island Jazz Series, a partnership of the Beaver Island Performing Arts Alliance and the BIC Center. The Beaver Island Jazz Series is sponsored by Bob and Julie Neff.
Tickets are available either online at www.store.biccenter.org/tickets or at the BIC Center front desk.

JOIN THE FUN AT THE BIA-TUESDAY AUGUST 13

By Kayleigh Gregg - BIA Secretary

Your Beaver Island Association invites you to attend our annual meeting on Tuesday, August 13 at the BIC Center. Join us at 2:30 p.m. to meet and greet island friends with light snacks. Our meeting will begin at 3:00 and end by 4:00 p.m. Visit tickets.@biccenter. org to register.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

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SYNOPSIS JULY 10, 2024

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met in the Charlevoix County Commissioners room on July 10, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. Six Commissioners were present.

Motion approved the agenda as amended.

Motion approved the consent agenda as presented.

Motion approved Resolution #24-075, Grandvue Operating Transfer.

Motion approved Resolution #24-076, Approve County Expenditures.

Motion approved the Whiting Park Boat Launch Change Order.

Motion approved Resolution #24-077, 2025 Child and Parent Legal Representation Grant Renewal.

Motion approved Resolution #24-078, 2024/2025 Child Care Budget Resolution.

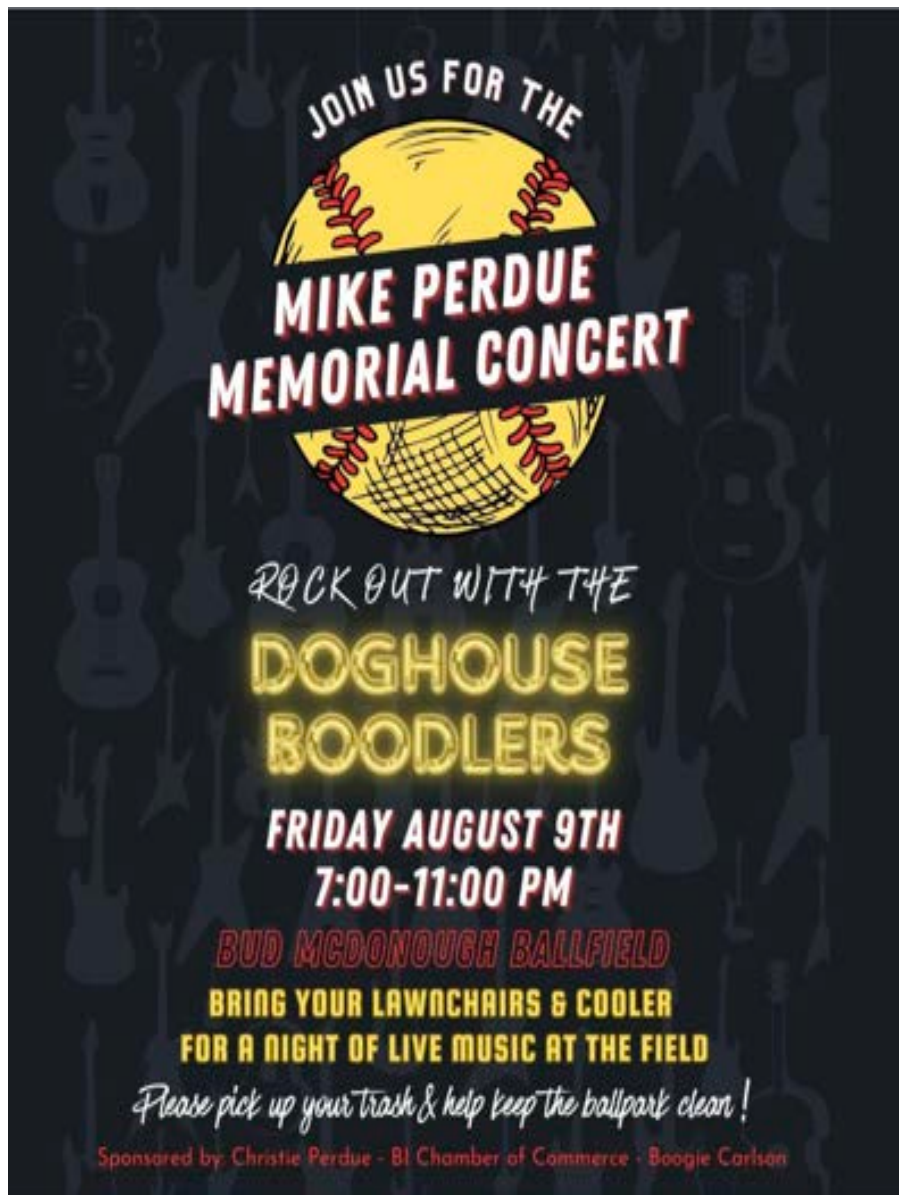
Motion approved Resolution #24-079, Parks Trail Maintenance Tractor and Tractor Attachments Purchase.

Motion approved Resolution #24-080, Court Recording System.

Motion approved Resolution #24-081, Whiting Park Electrical Upgrade.

Motion approved Resolution #24-082, Charlevoix County Probate Court Carpet Purchase. Nays: Commissioner Christensen.

The meeting was adjourned to the call of the Chair at 11:16 a.m.
Complete copies of Board minutes can be found on the County website, www.charlevoixcounty.org.
Julia A. Drost, County Clerk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BEAVER ISLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL ROCKS!

By Kevin Alan Lamb

An 8:30 a.m. departure from Charlevoix en route to Beaver Island. Blue skies and sunshine to accompany a two-hour ferry ride, along with the Black Pearl — my 2010 Ford Flex — making her first trip to America's Emerald Isle.

"Beaver Island is disconnected from the rest of the world. It's like this Truman Showplace where everyone waves when they drive by. It's a beautiful little time capsule in the middle of Lake Michigan," says Stephanie Williams, drummer of the Kansas City roots rock band Katy Guillen & The Drive.

Each year on the same weekend in July (18-20), a couple thousand people travel by ferry, and puddle-jumping-planes to indulge in the enchanted wonders of Beaver Island and its family-friendly music festival. Produced by executive director, Carol Burton, and her family on their property in the heart of Lake Michigan.

There are three stages: all side-by-side with curtains to cover change-overs, while attendees enjoy the comfort and convenience of setting up their chairs, coolers, and blankets in a single location where they may tune into every set of music if it is their desire.

"I'm proud of my family, my children Nathan, Cameron, Emily, Elsie and Olga. Living out here has kept us close," says Dan Burton. "That's what the island can do is keep you grounded to see what's important like family, love, and kindness.

"There's something about Beaver Island that feels so detached from the rest of the world, but in a completely freeing and spiritual way," says Brady Lott of Flint's Alt/Pop Rock band Heat Above. "In the mornings we would step outside and just sit under the sun, and the only sound was the rustling of the trees and the singing of birds. Beaver Island has brought us closer as a band, but also as friends. I think there's something deeply inspiring and spiritual about this island, and I would love to come back."

"The loving supportive communal manner of the island is something that makes you feel taken care of and accepted. I'm moved by the sweetness of the community here," Katy Guillen says. "Ever since my first visit to the island in 2016, I instantly connected with the entire energy and spirit of Beaver Island.

"I was moved by the sense of community that I felt at the music festival in particular, but also all around the island as people would recognize us and compliment us, and it felt very genuine. I haven't had an interaction here that felt forced or uncomfortable. I think the biggest thing we took from our time here was the reminder to slow down and appreciate the process of life as we go along."

Throughout the weekend attendees and artists enjoyed live music during the day in town at venues like Wild Strawberry Cafe, Shamrock, Whiskey Point Brewery, Print Shop Museum, Breakfast Club, and Daddy Franks where a couple of hundred people gathered on Saturday, and partook in what was likely their first clogging workshop amidst a performance by Adrian and Meredith.

"Dance/clogging and music have always gone hand in hand," says Meredith Krygowski. "As the dancers in the audience can agree! Dancing provides a story just like any other instrumentation in the band, as well as facilitates a way to enjoy the music!"

While Beaver Island is the only place in the United States to ever have a King, everyone is treated like royalty there these days. "I was moved by the generosity and kindness of the locals on the island! I've felt welcomed into this tight-knit community with open arms," Stephanie Williams says.

"There's a sense of community and generosity here that's unmatched. If the rest of the world lived like the folks on Beaver Island, it'd be a pretty perfect place," Miki P says.

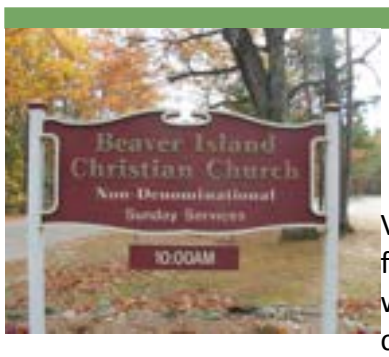
TRIED AND TRUE FAMILY RECIPES

By Rach Becker

EACH MONTH, WE WILL BE FEATURING RECIPES THAT ARE SURE TO HAVE YOU COMING BACK FOR SECOND HELPINGS. THE RECIPES THAT WE GREW UP WITH AND STILL MAKE TODAY.

Beaver Island and summer. They go together like bread and butter. For the first thirteen summers of my life, (before we became year-round residents) we would load up the car that last Saturday in July, and head for the Charlevoix boat dock, bound for two weeks on Beaver Island! Probably just about the time we were passing through the channel on the Beaver Islander, or South Shore, my Grandma was busy baking applesauce cookies, so they would be fresh out of the oven upon our arrival.

Tried and True Family Favorites
Frances LaFreniere's
Applesauce Cookies
Submitted by: Rach Becker
INGREDIENTS
3/4 cup butter
1/3 cup packed brown sugar
1/2 cup white sugar
2 eggs (mix each egg into the dough separately)
1 cup very thick sweetened applesauce
1 cup raisins (put in a colander before you start anything, and run water over them while you prepare the dough)
3/4 cup chopped walnuts
2 1/4 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 tablespoon of each: cinnamon, nutmeg, and clove.
INSTRUCTIONS
Cream butter sugar, and eggs. Add applesauce, raisins, and walnuts. Mix the dry ingredients together, and then stir into the mixture.
Bake at 400 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes
Blasta! (Irish for delicious)



BEAVER ISLAND CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

By Judi Meister & Sue Oole

Vacation Bible School was a beehive of activity July 9-11. The theme for this year was “Scuba: Diving into Friendship with God”. I wish we could post pictures of kids in boats on a stormy sea before Jesus calmed the waves (God is a friend we can trust) or of Jonah being swallowed by a whale (God is a friend who loves), but we forgot to ask parent permission to take and share pictures. (That won’t happen next year!)

Many thanks to Station Leaders and Helpers: Aubery Gilfillan, Robin Veltkamp, Kayleigh Gregg and Hailey Duarte, Joe Callian and Marty Hathaway, Catherine Meintsma and Olive Ledbetter, Janee Boyles and Nina; to Crew Leaders and Helpers: Cheri Irmscher and Lily Duarte, Marta Stein and Sienna Anderson; Jessica Anderson, Susan Hawkins, and Fred Rhem. The kids loved singing songs with lots of motions, hearing and acting out Bible stories, playing games, investigating sciency stuff and doing crafts, and enjoyed the snacks made for them. Thanks also to Wayne Veltkamp and Jack Bailey, who made cameo appearances as Jonah and Jesus, respectively.

During the closing session of VBS, Aubery and the kids created a timeline with a red crepe paper streamer. The part of the timeline in the right hand of Jesus represents our life on earth; the left hand of Jesus holding the “rest of the story” represents life in Heaven, made possible only by the outstretched arms of Jesus on a cross.

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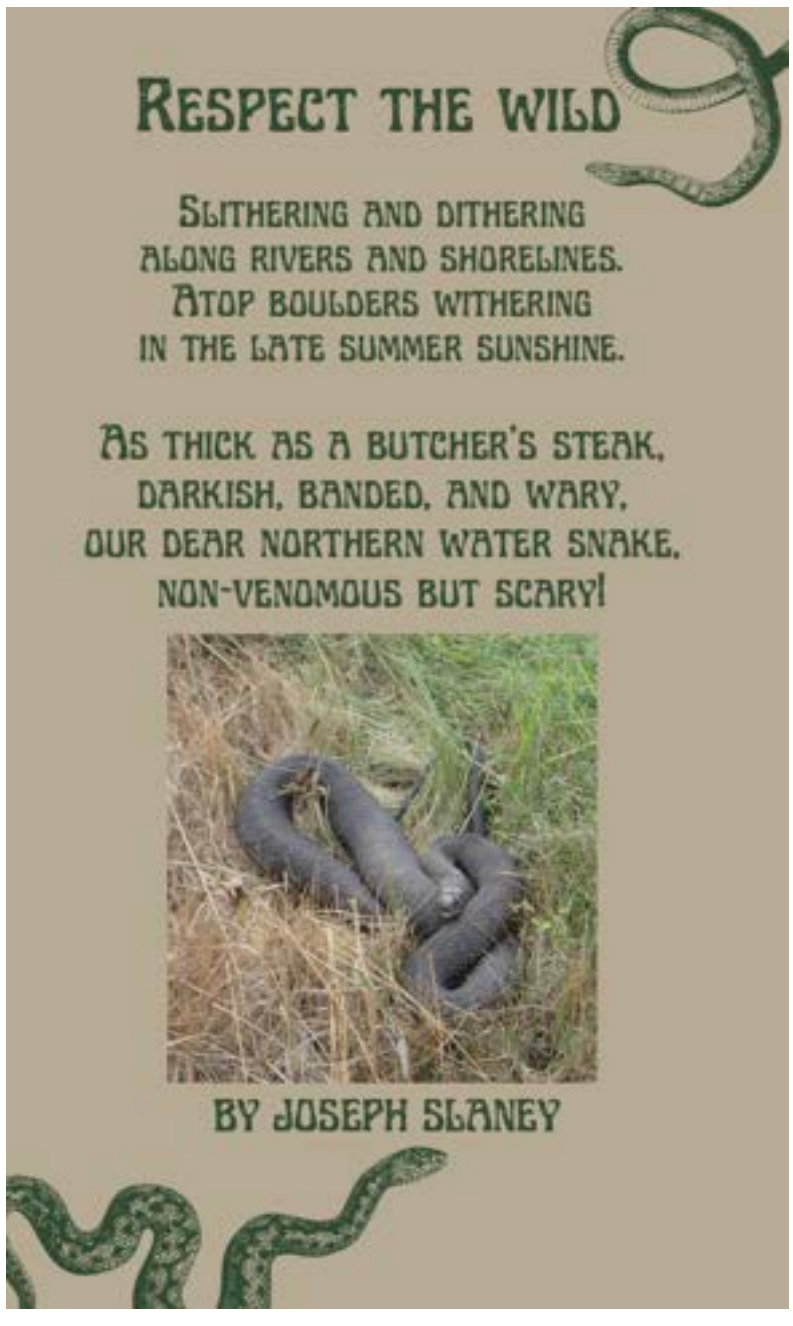


BIG BEAVER ON BACK BEACH
Fifth-generation summer resident Julia Broder was stunned to see this healthy beaver ambling along and occasionally swimming in the Big Lake at the family cottage on the Back Beach.
The fearless beaver was last seen cutting through the high grass going towards Sucker Point. Amazing!

BROADBAND UPDATE

By Kevin Boyle

It has been and will continue to be a long and winding road to improved broadband on the island. As we've previously reported, the prospects for BEAD Grant support for a Fiber to the Home (FTTH) project on the island now look very dim. And, as is discussed in our response to an article by Representative Bergman in last month's Islander, claims by elected officials that they are delivering broadband to rural areas overstate reality. So far, no federal or state deliveries have been made to the island other than those supporting TDS.

So, what are we to do? While the Joint Telecommunication Advisory Committee (JTAC) formed by the townships and BIA continue to challenge our exclusion from BEAD Grant funding, we've concluded that we must at least consider the possibility that the island will need to undertake its own FTTH project if we want to have broadband service competitive with what is available now to our near-shore neighbors. (While many Islanders struggle with download speeds of less than 5 Mbps down and less than 1 Mbps up, which isn't fast enough for many modern services, many in Charlevoix and Emmet counties now have access to service 20 times as fast for less than the most basic service plans on the Island.)

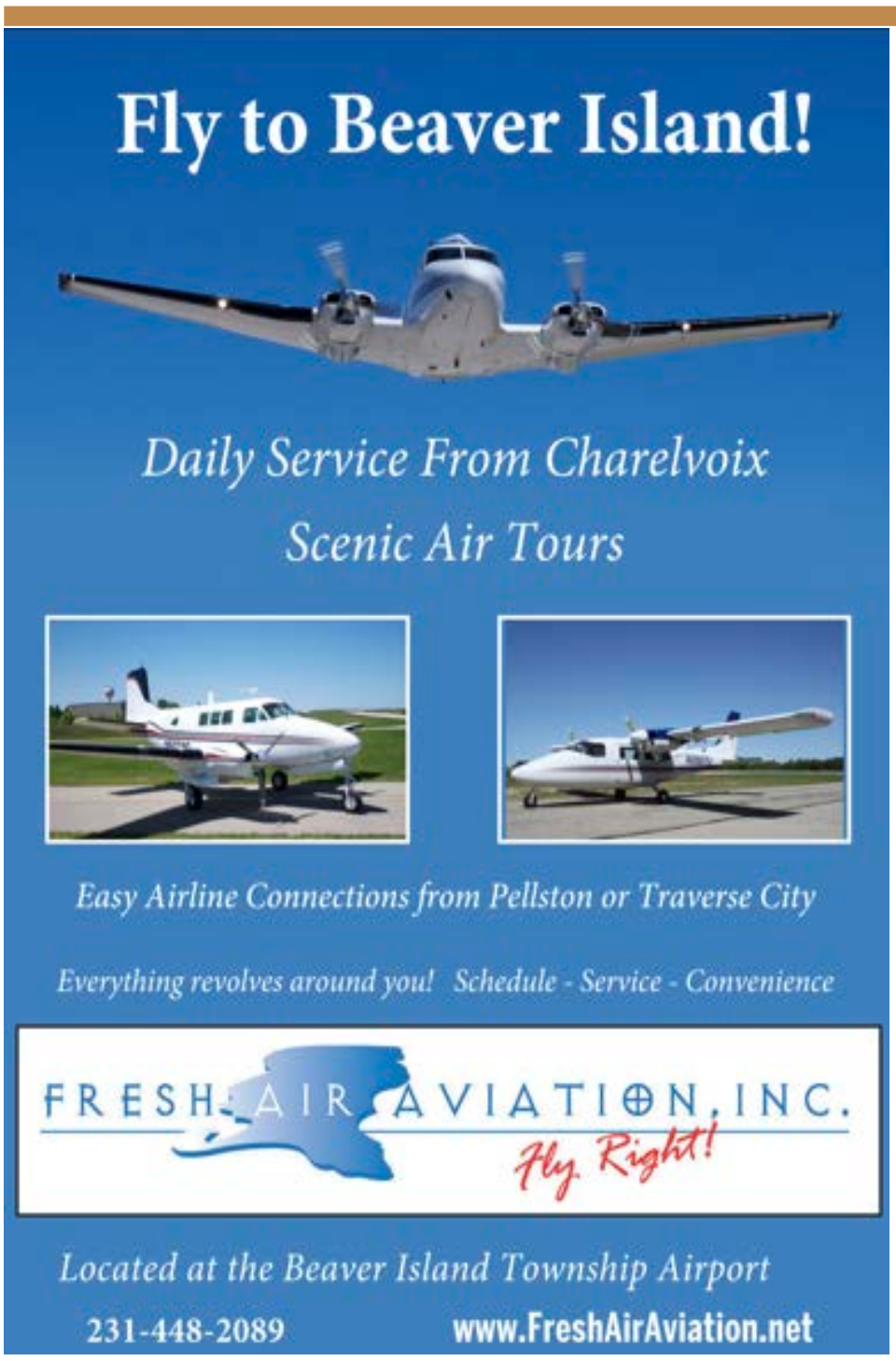
Some may ask why we need to remain competitive? Others may wonder if Elon Musk's Starlink service can do the job? We know from research conducted on the Island by the JTAC and BIA that potential visitors and residents consider the lack of competitive broadband when making decisions about visits or moving to the Island. The issue is of particular concern to professionals who can work anywhere, but only if they have access to robust internet connectivity that can support real-time video connections movement of big chunks of data both to and from their homes. No service offered by TDS, Starlink or any other provider addresses the need to move big chunks of data off the island. And, while Starlink is a useful interim option for some, the upfront costs are substantial and, setting that aside, many Islanders cannot make use of the service because trees block the broad view of the sky necessary for reliable service.

Those are issues today. Tomorrow, the need for fiber is likely to be even more important. Why? Ever since the introduction of internet service, available bandwidth has increased at a rapid rate. Non-fiber technologies simply cannot keep up with the speeds possible on fiber. The DSL technology now used by TDS on the island is being abandoned by providers. Wireless technology capable of competing with fiber requires a fairly short distance between the user and the cell site and a fairly unobstructed line of site. Those conditions aren't practical on the Island. Improving satellite delivered speeds requires replacement of user equipment and the launch of additional satellites.

While TDS has indicated to the Michigan Broadband Office that they plan to offer fiber service on the island, TDS has made that commitment (and others) in the past and has not followed through. Moreover, neither the state or federal government can require that TDS provide such service or any service improvements on the island.

Taking control of our digital destiny by building a community FTTH service is a big step. It will not be simple or cheap, but other communities not much larger than ours have done it. At the direction of Township officials, the JTAC is working with the BIA to explore whether it will be possible to pursue such a project. We've begun to explore that option with experts and communities that have succeeded in deploying FTTH projects. We plan to hold community meetings to provide information on that option and gather community input on how to proceed.

We'll have more to report on those efforts next month. In the meantime, you can learn more about what we've done (including the ongoing deployment of the Island Broadband Consortium's project to bring 100 x 100 Mbps service to key island locations) by visiting the BIA's Broadband information site at beaverislandassociation.org/broadband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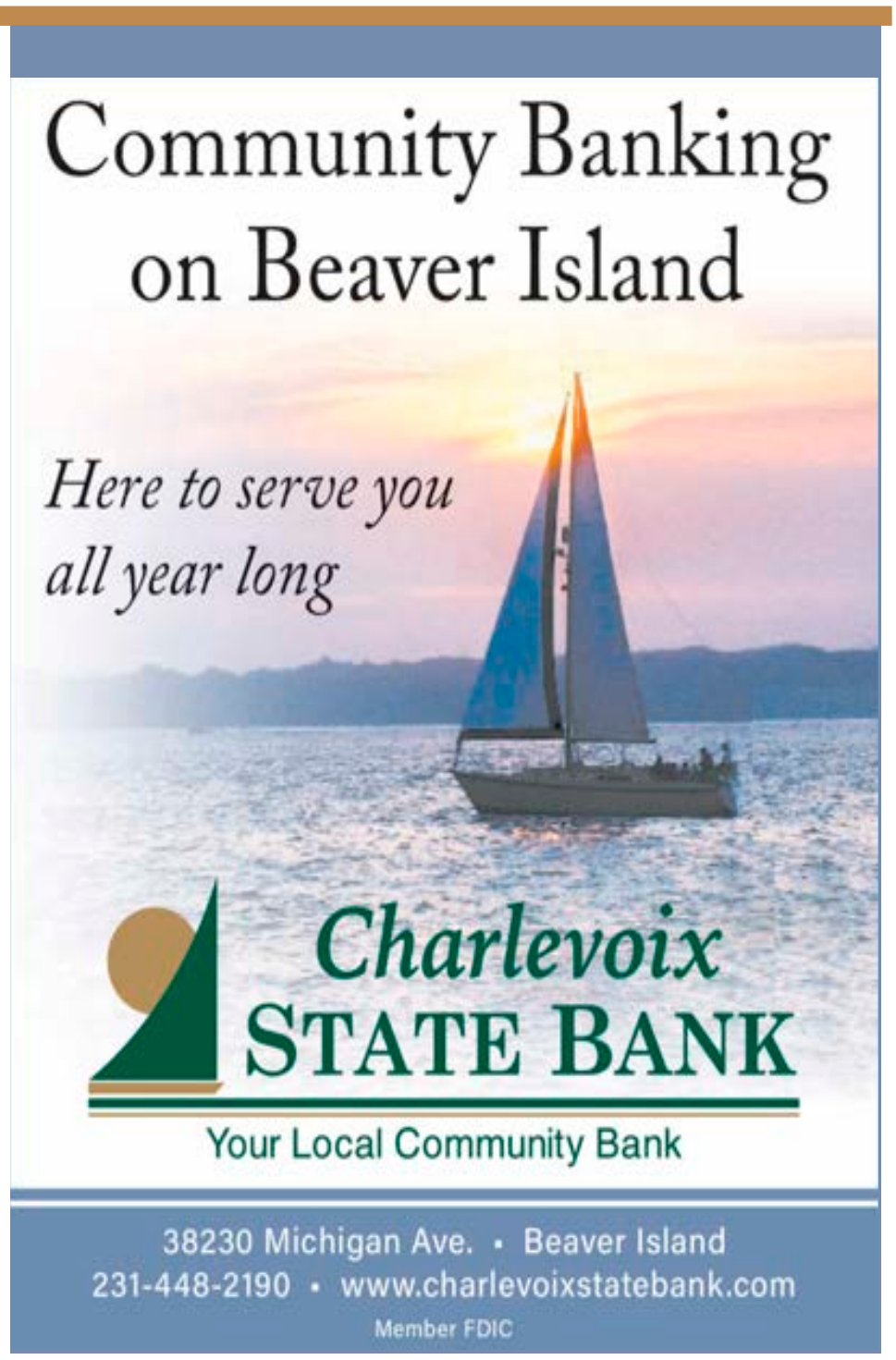

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MEET COSMO

By Selena Stilwell

Meet Dr. K. Money Nicholas Cage Bootham Sandwich Barkington III, better known as Cosmo—a Siberian Husky with a name as grand as his personality!

This mischievous, sassy furball has become a small-scale celebrity here on the island, charming everyone he meets with his charismatic energy and just a touch of chaos.

Cosmo's days are filled with exciting escapades and his adventures are legendary. From digging up hidden treasures on the beach to swimming in Lake Michigan's refreshing waters, he lives for the excitement Beaver Island has to offer. Whether he's chasing seagulls or exploring wooded trails, Cosmo's zest for life is contagious.

One of Cosmo's most endearing traits is his love for making new friends. With a howl that could rival any opera singer, he engages in lively "conversations" that never fail to bring a smile to anyone's face. His sociable nature has made him a favorite among locals and visitors alike, earning him a special place in the hearts of all who encounter him.

In a world full of adventures, Cosmo stands out as an explorer, always ready to embark on the next journey and create lasting memories with his friends.

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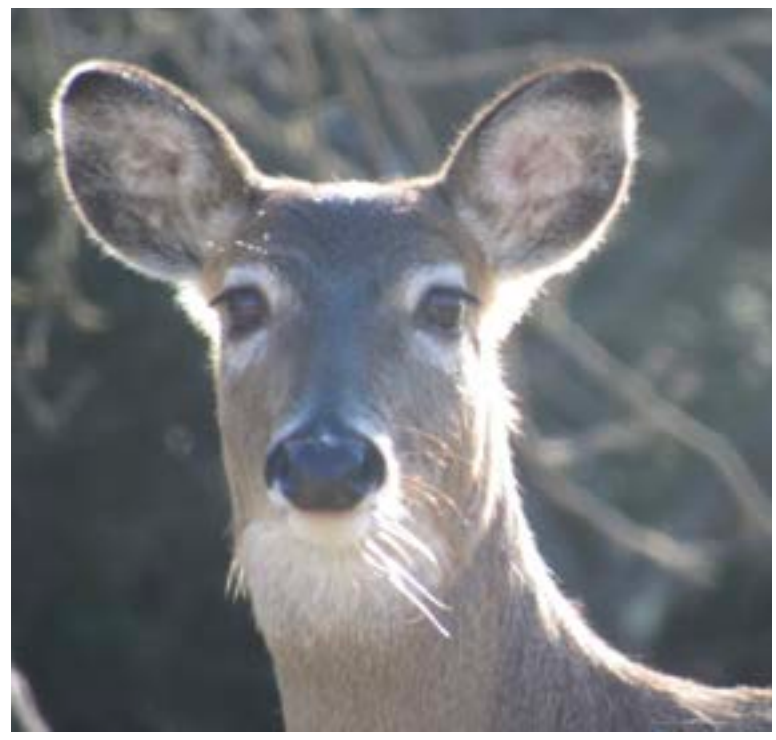
MY ISLAND PETS

By Sophie McDonough

We might share the same pets, and I know this sounds crazy but let me explain. Ever since I was a little girl I wanted a pet cat. Once I even wrote a persuasive letter to my parents in order to get one. Except that didn't work, and neither did the years of politely asking my parents for any pet. This was almost always the reply from my parents in some form "Look in the backyard, it's wild kingdom back here! You don't need to have a pet cat when you have pet: deer, birds, turkeys, fish, snakes, and rabbits!" No replies I had could overpower that one, so guess what, I never got a pet cat. I just have to look at the wild animals in my backyard from afar. Sometimes it seems my parents get annoyed with our "pets" as they often break into the garden or eat my moms flowers. I can't say anything though as it was their idea to have these "pets".



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